



## OFFICER REPORT TO COUNCIL

### APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM MONITORING OFFICER

#### **KEY ISSUE/DECISION:**

At its meeting on 11 December 2018, Council appointed Rachel Crossley as Interim Monitoring Officer.

An interim Director of Law & Governance, Geoff Wild, has now been appointed and Council approval is sought to appoint him to the statutory role of Monitoring Officer pending recruitment to the position on a permanent basis.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

1. Section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires the Council to designate one of its officers as the Monitoring Officer. The Monitoring Officer may not also be the Council's Chief Finance Officer or the Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service.
2. The functions of the Monitoring Officer include:
  - Oversight and reporting of the operation of the Council's Constitutional arrangements and decision making processes;
  - Reporting on unlawfulness and maladministration;
  - Investigating allegations of breach of the Code of Conduct; and
  - Seeking rulings from the Council's Independent Person and arranging meetings of the Member Conduct Panel.
3. Geoff Wild has been selected following due process as an excellent candidate with substantial previous experience as a Director of Law & Governance and Monitoring Officer. He commenced as Interim Director of Law & Governance on 4 February and will assume the role of Monitoring Officer pending permanent appointment to the role, with Rachel Crossley taking back the role of Deputy Monitoring Officer.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended that Geoff Wild be appointed as Interim Monitoring Officer from the date of this meeting.

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#### **Lead/Contact Officers:**

Joanna Killian, Chief Executive.

#### **Sources/background papers:**

None.

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